

NWPMA Condition Survey Committee Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2002

Attendees:

Bill Whitcomb – City of Vancouver
Bob Brooks – WST2 Center
Dave Whitcher – CRAB
Derald Christensen – Measurement Research Corporation
Eric Edwards – Pierce County
N. Sivaneswaran (Siva) – WSDOT Materials Lab
Newt Jackson - Nichols Consulting Engineers
Paul Sachs - Nichols Consulting Engineers
Matt Fengler – City of Tacoma
John Mulkey – City of Federal Way
Dave Shepard – Clark County
Gary Van Auken – City Of Kent
Bill Cawley – City of Lacey
Roy Scalf – Snohomish County
Ingrid Earle - Snohomish County
Dave Brock – City of Kent

- ❖ The meeting was called to order by Bill Whitcomb at approximately 10:00 am and began with an addition to the agenda to discuss resent e-mails from committee participants
- ❖ Copies of Gary Van Auken's and Matt Fengler's e-mails were distributed to the committee for reading
- ❖ Bill Whitcomb discussed his philosophy of what constitutes a good committee – he emphasized the need for trust and open communication and the desire to have broad participation from the local agencies
- ❖ There was considerable discussion of how the communication process should work – it was pointed out that the e-mail messages from local agencies to other local agencies generated a good response due to the urgent nature of the messages
- ❖ New participants said that the urgency got their attention
- ❖ It was agreed that for future meeting a notification will be sent out to interested participants to remind them of the meeting date and time
- ❖ Bill Whitcomb discussed the idea of a proposed change to the NWPMA charter dealing with ad-hoc committees and committee membership to provide future committee chairpersons better guidance in the committee participation process

- ❖ Bill Whitcomb agreed to compose an e-mail to go to the committee and then to general membership detailing the committee's work and goals
- ❖ The committee agreed to end the session early due to prior commitments on the part of some participants
- ❖ It was discussed and agreed that the committee will re-review the current evaluation methods being used (Paver, Modified Paver, PSC, etc) for the benefit of the new committee members within the next couple of meetings
- ❖ The need to further discuss the matrix method was brought up – where do the numbers come from? How are they derived?
- ❖ The committee agreed to meet every 2nd Thursday of each month from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM starting in May. The next meeting will be May 9, 2002
- ❖ It was agreed that the May 9, 2002 meeting will be when the membership of the committee is finalized
- ❖ Derald Christensen gave an impromptu presentation on his proposal to the committee at the committee's request
- ❖ There was continued discussion of the origin of the matrix method values and their modification to get better deterioration curves – history goes back to the 1960's
- ❖ It was mentioned that not all the current methods are being reviewed and are not addressed in the current proposal before the committee – it was pointed out that several agencies are using the MTC system
- ❖ There was discussion of the current Pavement Surface Condition Field Rating Manual and that this manual is intended for NWPMA use and is not sanctioned or used by the state DOT
- ❖ It was pointed out that the DOT uses the previous manual procedures for its rating process
- ❖ Discussion of the need to edit the committee proposal to clarify the origin, sanctioning, approval, etc. of manuals and documents mentioned in the proposal
- ❖ Additional discussion of the proposal before the committee and of a cost comparison table contained within the proposal
- ❖ Discussed the need to look further at trigger points that are realistic and not just at an arbitrary score

- ❖ No meeting during April due to the NWPMA Spring Conference – next meeting date will be May 9, 2002 at CRAB